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PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

(Any erasures, corrections, or changes on this form must be initialed by the authorizing official.)

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	1/1/79
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
579-46-4548	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Title Change ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date) ☐ Leave without pay (Beginning with effective date above and ending close of business________________ Specify Date)
Employing Office or Committee/Subcommittee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment, Salary Adjustment, or Title Change, complete appropriate information below.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary*
	$24,900.00

* If employee is a civil service annuitant (includes U.S. House of Representatives), the gross annual salary shown should include the annuity received by the employee plus the salary received from the employing office.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special (Investigative staff of Standing Committee) or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 956 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number______________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date January 2, 19 79

________________________________ (Signature of Authorizing Official)

________________________________ (If appropriate, signature of Subcommittee Chairman or Ranking Minority Member)

LOUIS STOKES
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

________________________________ (Type or print name and title of above official)

CHAIRMAN
(Title – If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:________________________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code__________

Monthly Annuity $__________.00 as of ____________________

ID ____________________

Benefits ____________________

Payroll ____________________

(Revised: August 1, 1977)

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	December 1, 1978
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
579-46-4548	☐ Appointment ☐ Salary Adjustment ☐ Title Change ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date) ☐ Leave without pay (Beginning with effective date above and ending close of business__________) Specify Date
Employing Office or Committee/Subcommittee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment, Salary Adjustment, or Title Change, complete appropriate information below.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary*
	$33,100.00

* If employee is a civil service annuitant (includes U.S. House of Representatives), the gross annual salary shown should include the annuity received by the employee plus the salary received from the employing office.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☐ Special (Investigative staff of Standing Committee) or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 956 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level______ Step______

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date December 11, 19 78 __________________
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

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(If appropriate, signature of Subcommittee Chairman or Ranking Minority Member)

LOUIS STOKES
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

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(Type or print name and title of above official)

Chairman
(Title – If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:__________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:	
Office Code______	ID ______
	Benefits ______
Monthly Annuity $_____.00 as of ______	Payroll ______

(Revised: August 1, 1977)

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	December 1, 1977
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
579-45-4548	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Title Change ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date) ☐ Leave without pay (Beginning with effective date above and ending close of business________________) Specify Date
Employing Office or Committee/Subcommittee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment, Salary Adjustment, or Title Change, complete appropriate information below.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary*
Chief Clerk	$23,600

*If employee is a civil service annuitant (includes U.S. House of Representatives), the gross annual salary shown should include the annuity received by the employee plus the salary received from the employing office.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special (Investigative staff of Standing Committee) or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level_____ Step_____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date December 1, 1977

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(Signature of Authorizing Official)

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(If appropriate, signature of Subcommittee Chairman or Ranking Minority Member)

Louis Stokes
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

____
(Type or print name and title of above official)

Chairman
(Title – If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

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ID ________

Benefits ________

Payroll ________

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	October 1, 1977
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
579-46-4548	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Chief Clerk	$22,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date October 14, 1977, 19xx

[signature]
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

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All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:________________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

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Office Code__________

Monthly Annuity $__________.00

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas Howarth

FROM: G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director GRB 10-14-77

RE: Elizabeth Berning

This is to advise that effective October 1, 1977, Elizabeth Berning will become Chief Clerk at an annual salary of $22,000.

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	8/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
579-46-4548	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Secretary	$21,500

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level______ Step______

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date August 2, 1977

[signature]
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

LOUIS STOKES
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

CHAIRMAN
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:____________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code________

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	5/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
579 46 4548	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$16,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level_____ Step_____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date May 10, 19 77

[signature]
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	4/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
579 46 4548	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$33,600

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level______ Step______

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date April 29, 19 77 ________________
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	2-1-77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
579-46-4548	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$10,000.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 11 of 95 Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date 2-28-77, 19____

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(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Henry B. Gonzalez
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:_______________________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

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Office Code__________

Monthly Annuity $__________.00

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	1/3/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
579 46 4543	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$10,400.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 11 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date_________________________________, 19 77

____
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Henry B. Gonzalez
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:_______________________________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

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Monthly Annuity $__________.00

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Please consider this verification that Elizabeth L. Berning began employment, permanent full-time status, with the House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations January 1, 1977.

/s/ Rebecca W. Martin

Rebecca Wheeler Martin
Chief Clerk

January 31, 1977

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	1/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
	☒ Appointment ☐ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Secretary	$16,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 1540 of 94th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number______________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date December 30, 1976

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(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Thomas N. Downing, Chairman
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Select Committee on Assassinations
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:______________________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code__________

Monthly Annuity $__________.00

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Staff Employees

FROM: Budget Officer

DATE: January 3, 1977

RE: Payroll Certification

Starting with the January, 1977 payroll, the certification to the House Finance Office requires, among other things, the relationship, if any, of each staff employee to any current Member of Congress (those taking office January 3, 1977).

The following are the relationships to be included in the certification:

father	nephew	brother-in-law
mother	niece	sister-in-law
son	husband	stepfather
daughter	wife	stepmother
brother	father-in-law	stepbrother
sister	mother-in-law	stepsister
uncle	son-in-law	half-brother
aunt	daughter-in-law	half-sister
first cousin		

All staff employees are requested to complete this form and return it to the Budget officer.

Approved
Richard A. Sprague

I am not related ✓

I am related by the following relationship ________________

Elizabeth Berning
Signature of Employee

1-10-77
Date